

(Enters QUEEN.)

Tell me, King, where is she ?
Have
you hidden her, even from me
?

King

Whom?

Queen

My Malini.

King

What ? Is she not in her
room ?

Queen

No, I cannot find her. Go
with
your soldiers and search for
her
through all the town, from
house to house. The citizens have stolen
her.
Banish them all. Empty the
whole
town, till they return her.

King

I will bring her back,—even if
my
Kingdom goes to ruin.

*[The BRAHMINS and
soldiers bring*

*MALINI, with torches
lighted.*